(b) In order to make it more difficult for assessees to hold wealth in 'benami' forms, the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act is being reviewed to make it more effective for curbing benami transactions.

Filling up of reserved vacancies by General candidates in projects and Equipment Corporation

*232. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the Projects and Equipment Corporation, New Delhi a large number of reserved vacancies have been filled up by general candidates without giving any opportunity to the SC/ST candidates;

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to get these posts vacated from general candidates and filled up by the SC/ST candidates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the campus interviews conducted by PEC for the management trainees (Engineer), the SC/ST engineers were not called for interview and only general candidates were selected; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken against P.E.C. for not implementing the reservation directives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Identification of New Places of Tourist .. .. interest in U.P.

*233. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some new places of tourist interest have been identified in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken for their development

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) The Central Department of Tourism do not identify places of tourist interest in the country. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to identify such places. The Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to State Governments' on the specific proposals keeping in view the merit *inter-se* priority and availability of funds. However, the Department in consultation with State Government of Uttar Pradesh are promoting the following travel circuits for development of tourism in the State:

I. *Pilgrimage/Historical Circuit*

Varanasi -Sarnath- Gorakhpur-Kushinagar- Pharenda- Sonauli-Piprawah (Kapilvastu)- Naugarh-Sravasti-Gonda -Ayodhya- Varanasi Lucknow.

II. Wild Life Circuit

(Delhi)-Moradabad- Kashipur-Ramnagar Corbett-Ranikhet-Corbett-Dudhwa-Lucknow-(Delhi).

III. *Adventure Circuit*

Kapkota- Lohari Khet- Dakuri-Khati-Dwali-Furkiya- Pindari Glacier an back.

IV. *Bundelkhand Circuit (with Madhya Pradesh)*

Jhansi-Orcha-Datia-Deogarh.

Production capacity of Salem Steel Plant

*234. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal to increase the annual production capacity of Salem Steel Plant;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government propose to instal Hot Rolling facilities at a cost of Rs. 400 crores in Salem Steel Plant?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) In March, 1988, Government sanctioned the setting up of a second Sendzimir Mill in Salem Steel Plant increasing the capacity of cold rolled sheets/coils from the present 32,000 tonnes per annum to 70,000 tonnes per annum at a total cost of Rs. 69.37 crores. This scheme is scheduled to be completed in August, 1991.

(c) Government are considering a proposal to instal Hot Rolling Facilities for Stainless Steel at Salem Steel Plant at an estimated cost of about Rs. 331 crores.

Production capacity of Pepsi Foods

*235. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the installed capacity of Pepsi Foods for processing of fruits and vegetables is 7,062 tonnes per annum, against a licenced capacity of 12,000 tonnes per annum;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the projected sale of fruit and vegetable products is Rs. 14.5 crores in a total sale of Rs. 52 crores for 1992; and

(c) whether the potato/grain products would be exported to make up the export obligation of self manufactured commodities.

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. have been granted a letter of intent for the manufacture of processed fruits/vegetables products for an annual capacity of 12,000 tonnes and the letter of intent is valid for a period of three years from the date of issue within which they can establish the capacity.

(b) Ministry of Food Processing Industries do not have any such information

(c) The export obligation of M/s. Pepsi Foods Private Ltd. does not specify which particular item they have to export from their own production in order to discharge their export obligation.

Case against National Consumers Cooperative Federation

*236. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the National Consumers Cooperative Federation has borrowed money from commercial banks in excess of value of goods mortgaged by the Federation with the banks;

(b) if so, whether the price of the mortgaged goods stated by the Federation was not correct and whether this was in the knowledge of those banks;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which the concerned banks have advanced money to the Federation in excess of the price of the goods;

(d) whether Government propose to conduct an inquiry into the matter; and

(e) if so, by when and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (e) The National Consumers Cooperative Federation (NCCF) has been financed by a consortium of three public sector banks viz. Canara Bank, State Bank of Saurashtra and